

Delaware Escheator Gregor warns of misleading Unclaimed Property postcards

DE – Statewide (July 28, 2014) – Delaware's State Escheator David Gregor warns today that postcards stamped "Unclaimed Property Notification" are suspicious and should be ignored. They have not been sent from Delaware's Unclaimed Property department or by any other State of Delaware agency.

The postcards, which have been distributed in multiple states so far, instruct receivers to call a toll-free number and enter personal identification information. A recorded message instructs receivers to search for unclaimed property at www.unclaimed.org.

"Delaware has not sent these cards nor have they been sent on Delaware's behalf," Gregor said. "We would never ask an individual to provide personal information to a call-in number, and we would recommend anyone who receives these cards to remain cautious and to not respond in any way."

The National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA) and unclaimed property administrators from other states report that they too have received numerous consumer complaints about the suspicious postcards, which are postmarked from Denver, Colo., and appear to have been sent by a debt collector. They have shown up in a variety of solid colors – green, blue, yellow, and orange.

Delaware's Department of Finance received its first inquiry about the postcards this morning, but expects more to follow in the next few weeks.

As always, anyone who believes they may have had unclaimed property escheated to the State of Delaware should search

<http://finance.delaware.gov/unclaimedproperty.shtml> or call 302-577-8220.

Images of the front and back of actual postcard:



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